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MINUTES
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Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
December 20, 2018
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Calvin Coolidge conference room, Davis Building, 6th Floor
Montpelier, Vermont

Council Participants: Edward Clark, Citizen Member/Vice Chair
David Donath, Historian
Blaine Cliver, Historical Architect
Britta Tonn, Architectural Historian
Joseph Luneau, Citizen Member
Paul Wyncoop, Citizen Member (late arrival)

Absent: John Vetter, Archaeologist/Chair

Historic Preservation Staff Participants:
Laura V. Trieschmann, State Historic Preservation Officer
Caitlin Corkins, Tax Credit and Historic Grants Specialist

Guests: July Saunders, property owner, 211 Elmwood Avenue, Burlington

Vice Chair Edward Clark brought the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.
This meeting was not recorded.

I. Welcome

SHPO Laura Trieschmann advised the ACHP Commissioner Katie Buckley will be stepping down in the New Year, the new HUD HOME programmatic agreement is fully executed, and FHWA/AOT/SHPO have come to an agreement on a new two-year programmatic agreement.

II. Changes to the Agenda
No changes to the agenda.

III. Public Comment
Mr. Clark opened the meeting to public comment.

Ms. Saunders voiced her concerns about the City of Burlington's attempts to have a property determined eligible with outdated and incorrect documentation in order to pursue a violation to an historic property and the importance of the State having accurate information for evaluations. The discussion was deferred until the agenda item VI. State Register of Historic Places Determination of Eligibility for 211 Elmwood Avenue, Burlington.





IV. Review / Approve November 15, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Cliver made a motion to approve the November 15, 2018, minutes with edits, and Mr. Donath seconded; Motion carried 4-0 with Mr. Luneau abstaining. Edits include restatement of agenda item II to clarify that there was no quorum because of the recusal of Ms. Tonn for the delisting review of 107-109 Main Street, Winooski. Title correction of agenda item VIII was made from Barn Preservation Grant to Historic Preservation Grant.

V. State Register of Historic Places – Delisting

- **107-109 Main Street, Winooski**

At the request of the owner, Mr. Colman evaluated the integrity statement submitted for 107-109 Main Street. The property, which includes the former single-family dwelling, was listed in 1993 to the State Register of Historic Places. Mr. Colman recommended to the ACHP that the property be delisted due to lack of integrity. Ms. Tonn, recusing herself from the motion and vote, explained that the building is one of the oldest in Winooski and was probably listed for its historical significance rather than architectural significance due to changes that occurred prior to 1993.

Mr. Cliver made a motion to delist 107-109 Main Street from the State Register of Historic Places; Mr. Luneau seconded. Motion carried 4-0 with Ms. Tonn recusing.

VI. State Register of Historic Places – Determination of Eligibility

- **211 Elmwood Avenue, Burlington**

The City of Burlington requested a determination of eligibility for 211 Elmwood Avenue. The city provided a Historic Sites & Structures Survey (HSSS) Form that documented the building's appearance as it was 12 years ago, before changes had been undertaken to the chimney, roofing material, and porch; this description intentionally reflected the building's condition prior to alterations. Mr. Colman, having updated the HSSS form to reflect the current appearance, recommended the building as individually eligible under Criteria A and C for its social history and architecture. He also noted it might be a contributing resource to a possible historic district. Mr. Clark noted the HSSS did not provide enough information to assess the property within its residential and developmental context. Ms. Tonn stated there was low integrity due to replacement of the windows, chimney, and roofing materials (in part), and repairs to the porch. Ms. Saunders noted the porch was repaired in-kind to its historic appearance. Ms. Tonn noted individually nominated properties should have a higher degree of integrity than those in historic districts, and this property lacks that integrity for individual listing. She added there was not sufficient survey information or context to evaluate an historic district at this time.

Mr. Cliver made a motion that 211 Elmwood Avenue is not eligible for listing in the State Register of Historic Places individually; Mr. Luneau seconded. The ACHP noted the building is part of a larger context and would most likely be a contributing resource to an historic district. Motion carried 5-0.

The ACHP voiced their concern that the City of Burlington was requesting a Determination of Eligibility in order to evaluate a potential violation undertaken by a previous property owner 12 years ago. They stressed survey and documentation should be done for the proposed boundaries presented by Mr. Colman for a National Register Historic District.

VII. Roadside Historic Site Markers

- **First International Ice Hockey Game**





Laura Trieschmann presented the application for the First International Ice Hockey Game Roadside Historic Site Marker in Burlington, which was prepared by Devin Colman. The Council suggested the marker be placed along the waterfront as proposed but not obstruct any views of the lake, but rather be placed to the east of the bike path; VDHP will follow up with city on location.

Ms. Tonn made a motion to grant the application for the First International Ice Hockey Game Roadside Historic Site Marker in Burlington; Mr. Cliver seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

VIII. Historic Preservation Grant – Request for Redirection of Funds

• Danville Congregational Church, Danville

Continuing the discussion from the November 2018 meeting, Caitlin Corkins presented the congregation's request to redirect the 2017 grant funding from the storm windows protecting the nave's stained-glass windows to the restoration of the lower-level windows of the church. This includes 10 original/historic Queen Anne-style windows. Ms. Corkins explained redirection of funds is not common but does happen based on issues uncovered as part of overall restoration project like this. Discussion focused on the priority of the lower-level windows versus the storm windows, which shelter character-defining stained-glass windows. Discussion focused on how this new proposal would have scored originally and the fairness of accepting changes to an approved scope. Mr. Clark noted such requests were not a trend and stated if it becomes a trend then language in the grant manual and agreements should address redirection of grant funds. He stated it is not uncommon for changes in priorities when addressing maintenance and restoration of historic buildings. Ms. Tonn expressed her concern that the Queen Anne-style windows, if not restored with this funding, may be replaced. Mr. Donath stated the restoration of these lower-level windows may be as high a priority as the repair of the storm windows. Mr. Luneau expressed his concern for changes to the funding of a grant outside the context of the grant award.

Mr. Cliver made a motion to grant the request for the redirection of the 2017 grant funds from the storm windows protecting the nave's stained-glass windows to the restoration of the lower-level windows of the church; Mr. Luneau seconded. Motion carried 3-2.

IX. Historic Preservation Grant Applications

Prior to the meeting, Ms. Corkins supplied council members with electronic and hard-copy information for each of the applications to be considered for the 2019 Historic Preservation Grants.

Paul Wyncoop joined the meeting at 11:34 and participated in the Historic Preservation Grant application review process

VDHP received forty-three applications requesting funding for the 2019 grants, with each of the resources reviewed for eligibility if not already designated. The total amount requested is \$656,495, generating \$1,987,715 in project costs. The ACHP has \$212,982 available to award. Council members viewed a power point presentation that summarized each application, after which they had an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the various components of each project. After review and discussion of each application, fourteen applications with three alternates were selected for funding. A complete list of the applications awarded will be put on the VDHP website once all applicants have been notified of the results.

Mr. Wyncoop made a motion to fund the fourteen applications with the highest scores, identifying three alternates. Mr. Cliver seconded. The motion carried 6-0.

X. New Business





- Meeting Schedule
 - January 24 (CLG grant awards)
 - February 21 (barn grants; all day meeting)
 - March 21
 - April 18
- Announcements
 - No announcements

XI. Adjourn

- Vice Chair Clark adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.